

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **California's Unemployment Rate Increases to 6.9 Percent**

**SACRAMENTO** – California's unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in June, up from 6.8 percent in May, the state Employment Development Department (EDD) reported today. A year ago, in June 2007, California's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent.

According to EDD's monthly survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 12,800 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,132,300.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in June was 17,149,000. This was a decrease of 38,000 from May, and down 65,000 from the employment total in June of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 1,278,000 – up by 19,000 over the month, and up by 310,000 compared with June of last year.

Of the unemployed, 473,400 were laid off, 103,900 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 457,193 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the June survey week. This compares with 467,563 last month and 331,747 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 56,359 in June 2008, compared with 47,003 in May and 42,797 in June of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,132,300 in June, a net loss of 12,800 jobs since the May survey. This followed a loss of 8,900 jobs (as revised) in May.

Five of the categories (**natural resources and mining; financial activities; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services**) added jobs over the month, gaining 8,400 jobs. Educational and health services showed the largest gain, up by 4,100 jobs. Six categories (**construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; and government**) reported job declines this month, down 21,200 jobs. Government posted the largest decline over the month, down by 6,500 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (June 2007 to June 2008), nonfarm payroll employment in California decreased by 39,900 jobs (down 0.3 percent).

Six industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 124,600 jobs. Educational and health services showed the strongest gain on a numerical basis, adding 58,800 jobs (a 3.5 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, natural resources and mining showed the strongest gain, up 4.2 percent (adding 1,100 jobs).

Five categories (**construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; and financial activities**) posted job declines over the year, down 164,500 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 86,000 jobs (a decline of 9.5 percent).

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (**NOT** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **leisure and hospitality** recorded the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 14,700 jobs. The gains were posted in accommodation and food service (up by 9,300 jobs), and arts, entertainment and recreation (up by 5,400 jobs). **Educational and health services** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 13,500 jobs. The losses were centered in the educational services sector, which declined by 17,400 jobs at the end of the school year.

**Educational and health services** reported the largest gain over the year, up 54,900 jobs. The gains were centered in health care and social assistance, which was up by 38,000 jobs. The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 89,600 jobs. The losses were primarily in specialty trade contractors, down 67,100 jobs, and residential building construction, down 21,900 jobs.

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** *EDD encourages those who are filing for unemployment insurance benefits to do so on-line through our Web site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov). On-line claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for unemployment benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	June 2008 (prelim.)	May 2008 (revised)	June 2007	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,132.3	15,145.1	15,172.2	-0.3
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	27.0	26.9	25.9	4.2
Construction . . . . .	815.0	815.7	901.0	-9.5
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,437.3	1,441.7	1,463.9	-1.8
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,901.7	2,904.7	2,911.5	-0.3
Information . . . . .	465.4	467.6	475.5	-2.1
Financial activities . . . . .	877.1	876.0	909.1	-3.5
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,276.8	2,281.2	2,262.7	0.6
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,716.3	1,712.2	1,657.5	3.5
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,566.9	1,565.2	1,557.3	0.6
Other services . . . . .	517.5	516.1	511.6	1.2
Government* . . . . .	2,531.3	2,537.8	2,496.2	1.4
Agriculture . . . . .	382.8	379.9	387.2	-1.1

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

	June 2008 (prelim.)	May 2008 (revised)	April 2008	June 2007
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,427,000	18,446,000	18,387,000	18,182,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,149,000	17,187,000	17,246,000	17,214,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,278,000	1,259,000	1,141,000	968,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	6.9	6.8	6.2	5.3
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	5.5	5.5	5.0	4.6

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	June 2008 (prelim.)	May 2008 (revised)	April 2008	June 2007
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	18,467,000	18,371,000	18,303,000	18,173,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,181,000	17,178,000	17,187,000	17,213,000
Unemployment . . . . .	1,286,000	1,193,000	1,116,000	960,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	7.0	6.5	6.1	5.3

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**JUNE 2008 (Preliminary); 2007 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>18,466,200</b>	<b>17,180,600</b>	<b>1,285,600</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
ALAMEDA	762,500	715,100	47,400	6.2%
ALPINE	470	410	60	12.4%
AMADOR	18,730	17,340	1,390	7.4%
BUTTE	107,900	99,100	8,800	8.2%
CALAVERAS	22,000	20,260	1,740	7.9%
COLUSA	10,850	9,650	1,200	11.1%
CONTRA COSTA	531,400	498,200	33,200	6.3%
DEL NORTE	11,800	10,800	1,000	8.4%
EL DORADO	96,100	89,700	6,400	6.6%
FRESNO	443,300	400,200	43,100	9.7%
GLENN	13,150	11,850	1,300	9.9%
HUMBOLDT	62,100	57,900	4,200	6.7%
IMPERIAL	73,000	56,500	16,500	22.6%
INYO	9,450	8,860	590	6.3%
KERN	365,200	330,500	34,700	9.5%
KINGS	60,300	54,200	6,100	10.1%
LAKE	26,910	24,370	2,540	9.5%
LASSEN	13,350	12,230	1,120	8.4%
LOS ANGELES	4,920,800	4,573,000	347,800	7.1%
MADERA	66,600	60,700	5,900	8.9%
MARIN	139,500	133,100	6,400	4.6%
MARIPOSA	10,070	9,420	650	6.5%
MENDOCINO	45,380	42,490	2,890	6.4%
MERCED	108,300	95,500	12,800	11.8%
MODOC	4,140	3,790	350	8.5%
MONO	7,610	7,020	590	7.8%
MONTEREY	220,500	205,900	14,600	6.6%
NAPA	76,900	73,100	3,800	4.9%
NEVADA	51,550	48,120	3,430	6.6%
ORANGE	1,641,600	1,555,800	85,800	5.2%
PLACER	177,500	166,100	11,400	6.4%
PLUMAS	11,450	10,580	870	7.6%
RIVERSIDE	924,100	847,700	76,400	8.3%
SACRAMENTO	702,900	654,000	48,900	7.0%
SAN BENITO	25,800	23,500	2,300	9.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	899,600	829,200	70,400	7.8%
SAN DIEGO	1,572,700	1,479,100	93,600	5.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	444,400	420,700	23,700	5.3%
SAN JOAQUIN	305,800	275,900	29,900	9.8%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	141,000	133,000	8,000	5.6%
SAN MATEO	388,900	370,400	18,500	4.8%
SANTA BARBARA	224,400	212,800	11,600	5.2%
SANTA CLARA	874,600	822,300	52,300	6.0%
SANTA CRUZ	156,600	147,100	9,500	6.1%
SHASTA	87,800	79,700	8,100	9.2%
SIERRA	1,740	1,590	150	8.4%
SISKIYOU	20,310	18,560	1,750	8.6%
SOLANO	214,200	199,500	14,700	6.9%
SONOMA	270,800	255,700	15,100	5.6%
STANISLAUS	240,000	213,800	26,200	10.9%
SUTTER	42,800	37,700	5,100	12.0%
TEHAMA	26,150	23,830	2,320	8.9%
TRINITY	5,530	4,930	600	10.8%
TULARE	200,000	180,400	19,600	9.8%
TUOLUMNE	27,000	25,020	1,980	7.3%
VENTURA	432,600	406,500	26,100	6.0%
YOLO	97,900	91,100	6,800	6.9%
YUBA	28,000	24,800	3,200	11.5%